

ABSTRACTS

Géza Balázs

■ ***The Disintegration of Cultures and Languages***

Keywords: *culture, cultural policy, diaspora, identity, language shift*

The author offers an analysis of the phenomenon of language shift in connection with the disintegration of cultures in a diaspora situation. The process of the disintegration of languages is a historically well-known phenomenon, and the experiences of the past concerning extinct languages help us describe and understand the ongoing processes.

Béla Pomogáts

■ ***At Home Everywhere on the Hungarian Islands***

Keywords: *assimilation, diaspora, history, homeland, region*

The article presents the experience of the author as a traveller in the regions where there is a Hungarian population, and also as a literary historian of minority Hungarian literatures. The diaspora situation led during the 20th century to assimilation in several small regions, but new types of cultural policies were introduced during the last decades to increase the bonds of minority people to their homeland and language. Minority Hungarian cultures also developed specific strategies, presented by the author, in order to preserve the identity of the native speakers of the language.

István Tari

■ ***Who Cries for Villages in an Era of Urbanization?***

Keywords: *villages, cities, urbanization, Yugoslavia, Serbia*

István Tari (Hungarian writer who lives in the former Yugoslavia, present-day Serbia) examines the destruction of villages during the second half of the 20th century. With the help of official documents and literary works, he shows with shocking power the life of these former Yugoslavian villages and presents the exploitation of the resident Hungarian minority bound to a shrinking habitat.

Szilárd Tussay

■ ***Camp Sunrise***

Keywords: *language learning, IKE, USA, Christianity, God*

In early July, at the beginning of the summer holidays, our first program is Camp Sunrise, a children's English language teaching camp led by a team from the United States of America and a team from IKE. The camp took the theme of inspiring elements in our lives and called young people to trust in Christ. The team of eight from the USA offered high quality English lessons and inspiring testimonies of how God had worked in their lives. Many young people stayed after the evening devotions for prayer or counseling. This camp remains our most popular camp, as the location, the approach to English teaching and spiritual input are all appreciated by both young people and their parents.

